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15 East 32nd Street, New York City, 3/25/15

American Numismatic Society,
156th St. & Broadway,
New York City;

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of a letter from our Brazilian Agent, Dr. Gustavo Penna, who is a man of considerable prominence in his country, advising that Mr. Pedro Massena has been negotiating with the Brazilian Government in order to get the Government to purchase his collection of medals and coins which he advises as per the enclosed catalogue amounts to over 16,000, including the paper money of which there are 1,000.

Mr. Massena, as he claims, possesses the greatest collection in existence, the second largest is owned by Mr. Julius Meils of Zurich, Switzerland, who has a little over 5,000 coins. His collection covers or contains Holland denominations of the XVI century. Negotiations for purchasing this collection were arranged with the former Brazilian Government but were upset by the present Government on account of the necessity of reducing all public expenses, due to the war conditions, making it therefore, impossible for Mr. Massena to close the sale with the Government Museum at Rio de Janeiro. The price at which the collection was offered to the Brazilian Government is \$60,000.

Dr. Penna advises that it has been Mr. Massena's desire that his collection should stay in his country, but as he is now of advanced age, resolved to sell the collection abroad.

Mr. Massena is a well known and distinguished person and as to the value of his collection, full information can be obtained at the Brazilian embassy at Washington, D. C., If your society should be interested in considering purchasing the collection, Dr. Penna, who is a distinguished lawyer will be willing to obtain any and all information also to make a contract which may be necessary as a guarantee to the purchasers.

If you are not directly interested, may we ask you to suggest others to whom application might be made.

As the enclosed pamphlet is the only one we have received, we will

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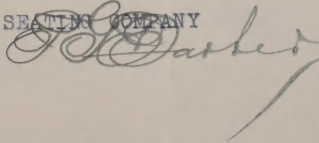
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appreciate your returning same with your reply.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. B. Parker", is written over the typed name of the American Seating Company.

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May 6th, 1915.

Mr. T. G. Barber,
c/o American Seating Company,
15 East 52nd Street,
New York.

Dear Sir:-

I am returning herewith the pamphlet describing the collection of Mr. Pedro Massena as requested.

This Society does not care at the present time to negotiate for the purchase of this collection. I desire, however, to thank you for bringing the matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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Gentlemen:-

We would appreciate your acknowledging receipt of our
letter of the 25th ult. and advise when we may expect to
hear from you.

Very truly yours,

AMERICAN SEATING COMPANY

[Signature]
Export Dept.

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